

ABSTRACT

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19th Century

Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren
Hagerstown Vicinity
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District 16
Map 58
Parcel 35
MGI # 2207415408

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Beaver Creek Church of the Brethren

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Beaver Creek Road and White Hall Road

CITY, TOWN

☒ VICINITY OF Hagerstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☒ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☒ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Church of the Brethren

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 1

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED > 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This limestone church is located on the east side of White Hall Road at its intersection with Beaver Creek Church Road southeast of Hagerstown in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on an area of relatively level ground with its entrance gable wall facing south. It is built of roughly coursed limestone, five bays in length, three wide and one story in height. Added to the original building at its northwest corner is a modern brick extension dated 1968. Attached to the north end wall is a one and a half story sheathed log dwelling for the church's pastor.

Flat arches of stone are present above the doors and windows. A semi-circular arch is set in the south end gable above the entrance. Openings have narrow beaded frames which hold large nine over six pane double hung sash windows. At the central opening in the west elevation, now a window, there is evidence of alteration to the masonry which may suggest that a door was present there at one time. A fan light with ray muntins is centered in the south gable. The main entrance is wide with a pair of double four panel doors hung beneath a six light transom.

The roof of the church is sheathed with standing seam sheet metal and terminates with tap and barge boards set directly against the end walls.

The building has been completely refurbished at the interior. It appears to be in excellent condition.

A cemetery is located west of the church and contains markers with dates from the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries. Among the people interred here is Bishop Christian Newcomer, a prominent leader in the church during the late 18th century. According to history of the Brethren Church, this property was acquired by the church in 1846. It is obvious however, that a church had been established here prior to that time.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Henry, J. Maurice., History of the Church of the Brethren in Maryland. Elgin, Ill:
Bretheren Publishing House, 1936.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

February 1978

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

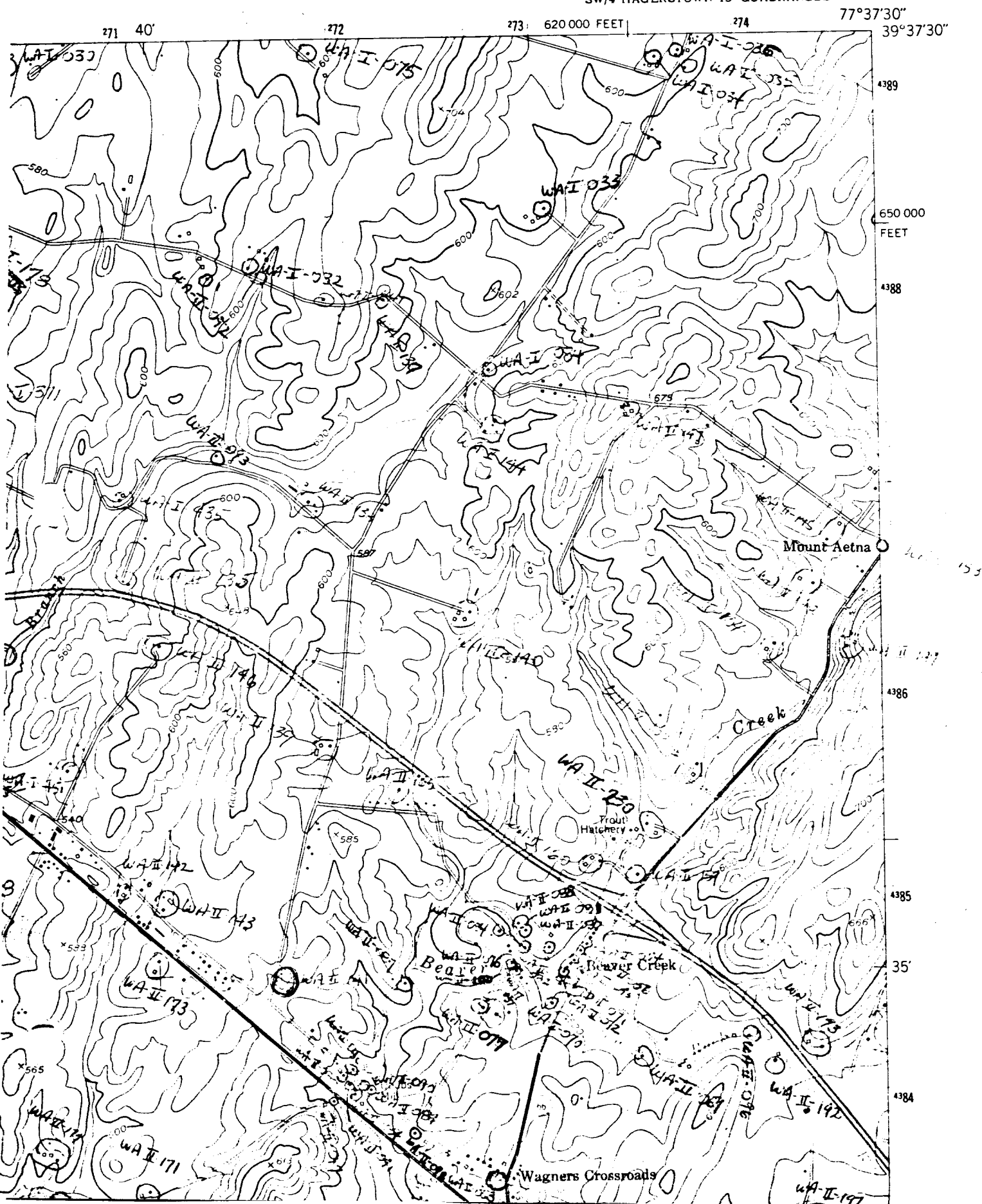
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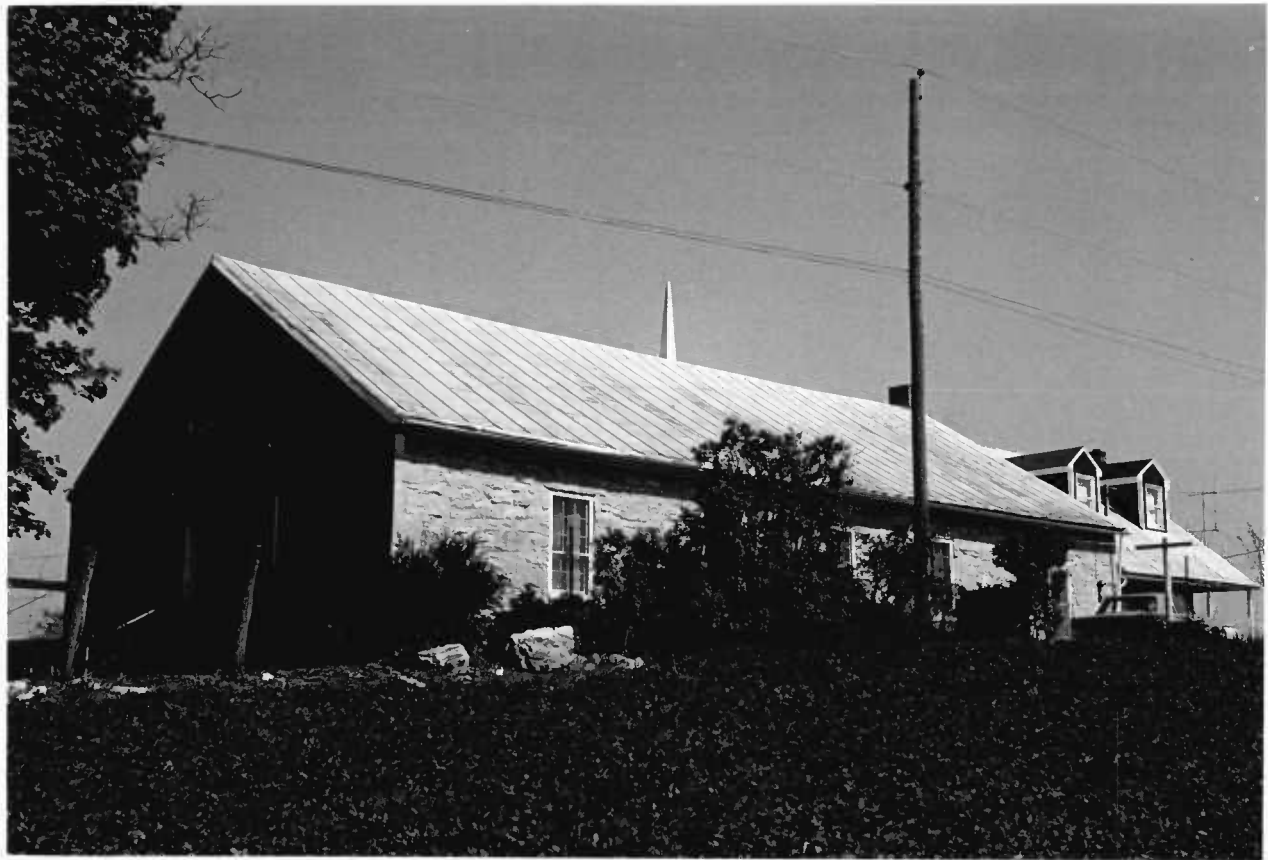
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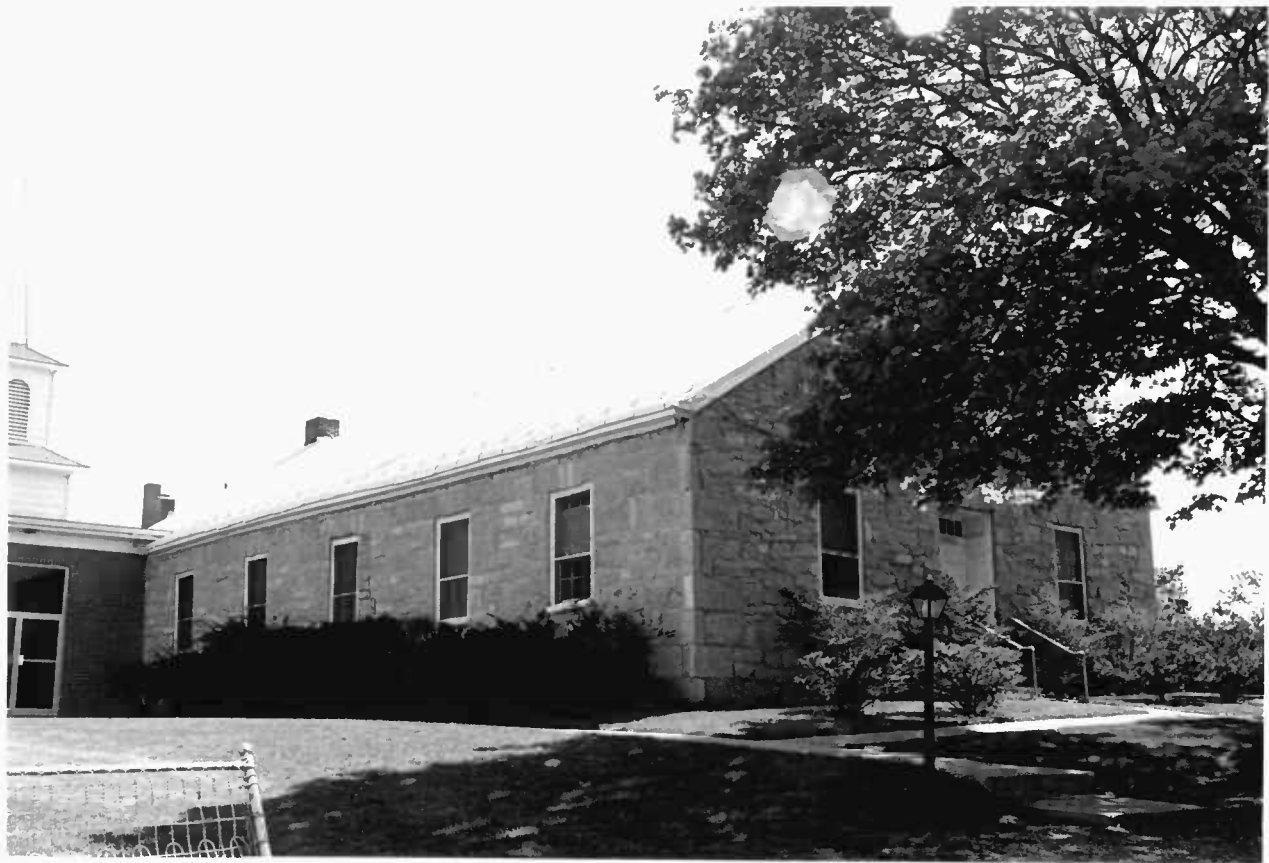
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